

College of Graduate Studies
Medical University of South Carolina

PROGRAM OF STUDY
M.S.

MEMORANDUM

TO: College of Graduate Studies

FROM: _____
Departmental Graduate Coordinator

Department of: _____

Date: _____

Attached is the Program of Study for _____
Student's Name

This Program has the approval of the student's Major Advisor as well as the Departmental Graduate Coordinator.

Major Thesis Advisor

Departmental Graduate Coordinator

The College of Graduate Studies has specific course requirements and proficiency standards for the master of sciences (M.S.) degree. All tracks require completion of an independent laboratory research project under the direction of a mentor in their chosen field, written thesis, and oral thesis defense. Coursework requirements vary by track, but consist of at least 45 total credit hours, including a minimum of 12 hours of didactic instruction. Each student follows an individual Program of Study designed in consultation with the Thesis Advisor. Master students are required to register for a minimum of nine hours each semester. Each student is expected to be familiar with the elements of statistics. If the sponsoring department considers that the student has insufficient preparation in this field, one or more courses may be included in the Program of Study.

Program of Study - M.S.: The Program of Study is planned in a meeting of the student and his/her Thesis Advisor. It is a list of courses and other requirements (including those of the major department) that the student must complete in order to meet the minimum requirements of their degree. It lists courses that are being transferred (rarely applicable), as well as courses that are to be taken on campus. After approval by the Thesis Advisor, the approved Program of Study is filed with the departmental graduate coordinator and with the Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies. This should occur within three months of the Thesis Advisor being chosen. A decision to remove, substitute, or add courses to the program can be made in a joint meeting of the student and the Thesis Advisor. Any changes in the program must be completed no later than one week after the substituted or additional course has begun. A record of any change in the program will be submitted by the Thesis Advisor to ensure that any change in the Program of Study is consistent with the maintenance of at least the minimum course requirements of the major department.

Ordinarily, only courses listed in the catalog of the College of Graduate Studies will be included in the program. The program must be completed before the final oral examination is scheduled.